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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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Examiner: D. Graybill

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For: METHOD FOR THINNING
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS
WITH CIRCUITS AND WAFERS
MADE BY THE SAME

Irvine, California

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AMENDMENT "A"

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment in response to the Office

Action dated April 20, 2001.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 25-27 directed to a non-elected product without prejudice. Applicants may elect to prosecute such claims in a divisional application.

The claims that are amended as shown in the attached Appendix appear in clean form as follows: